

Draft minutes of the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee January 22, 2024

In attendance: Bob Lenzi, Lew McCutcheon, Doug Winter, Erin Paradise, Peter Royce, Dannen Mannschrek, Deb Clough and Mona LaPierre.

Attending virtually: Pat Mead and Margery Shepard,

Erin called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

The minutes from August 28, 2023 were accepted as written. The minutes of December 11, 2023 were accepted with the amendment that Dannen was absent.

Erin announced on January 8 the Select Board had approved the new fee schedule. Also approved was the proposal for new operating hours, conditioned on the voters' approval at the Town Meeting in March. If approved the Thursday morning hours will start on April 4 for a one-year trial.

The committee thought the purchase of a traffic counter would be to the advantage of the committee and highway department. We have traffic counts from other studies, but they have to be located.

A discussion ensued as to terms for members of the committee. It was uncertain if any older appointments had term limits.

It was decided that meetings would regularly be scheduled at 2:30 on the last Monday of the month with the exception of a holiday being on that date. In that case the previous Monday would be the date. The only exception for 2024 was May. If there is no business to be conducted, the meeting will be canceled.

Margery brought up the idea of subcommittees. She suggested education and composting as possibilities. Other possibilities will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was reported that bags have been purchased for the Trex program.

It was noted that Market Basket took a while to update their pricing of MSW bags to be consistent with the new price schedule.

Deb brought up the subject of stickers. Can we ask for an ID and/or enforce the use of stickers? The topic will be on the next agenda.

Doug asked about and Peter will investigate an estimated cost of a disposed bag of MSW. Peter will try to get information out prior to our next meeting.

The next meeting will be February 26 at 2:30 pm at the new Town Hall.

The meeting ended at 3:36 pm.

Peter Royce